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April 27, 1990

Mr. Robert Pattison
General Manager
Rio Algom Mining Company
LaSal Route
Moab, Utah 84532

Dear Mr. Pattison:

Re: Site Tour of Tailings Pond Reclamation, Lisbon Mine, M/037/001, San Juan County, Utah

The Division would like to extend its appreciation to you and your staff for the tour that was conducted at your site last Friday, April 20, 1990. Several of our staff commented that this portion of the tour was the highlight of the three-day reclamation tour of southeastern Utah. Many of our staff rarely get to see this type of reclamation in progress.

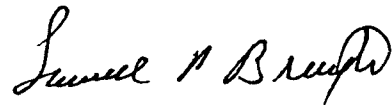
As a result of the field trip and your explanations regarding the type of reclamation activities taking place at your site, the Division is now much more aware of the magnitude of work Rio Algom is faced with. We find your efforts commendable and sympathize with you regarding the enormous task ahead in finalizing the tailings pond reclamation at your site.

The Division is very interested in the progress of the tailings pond reclamation at the Lisbon Mill. We hope to remain informed by Rio Algom and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as things progress with this reclamation.

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We found our visit to the site, and your explanation of the various aspects of the reclamation project to be quite interesting and informative. Again, thank you for putting together such an excellent tour and doing it with such little advance notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lowell P. Braxton".

Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining

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cc: Holland Shepherd
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